

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A receptacle ~~(1)~~ comprising an outer cup ~~(2)~~, an inner cup ~~(3)~~ nested within the outer cup, an ingredient chamber ~~(11)~~ located between the nested outer and inner cups, and one or more ports ~~(12,13)~~ formed in the inner cup ~~(3)~~ to permit flow of liquid between the inner cup and the ingredient chamber, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the nested cups ~~(2,3)~~ are coupled together by first and second interengaging means-mechanisms ~~(17,23)~~ which constrains the cups to move relatively to one another with a screw motion, whereby, in response to relative twisting of the cups, the cups are axially movable relatively to one another so as to exert a squeezing action on an ingredient in the ingredient chamber ~~(11)~~ to assist in mixing or infusing the ingredient with a liquid contained in the receptacle.

2. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ingredient chamber ~~(11)~~ is defined by a bottom wall of the outer cup and by a mutually opposed bottom walls ~~(4,5) of the outer and inner cups (2,3).~~

3. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein each of the outer cup includes a sidewall and inner cups ~~(2,3)~~ comprises an upstanding sidewall ~~(6,7)~~ inclined generally outwardly towards a mouth ~~(8)~~ of the receptacle, and wherein the inner cup includes a sidewall inclined generally outwardly towards the mouth at the receptacle ~~for example, at angle of approximately 4° with respect to the axis of the receptacle.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claims 2 ~~and 3~~, wherein the inner and outer cups ~~(2,3)~~ are designed so that when the cups are relatively twisted to move the inner cup to a fully closed or nested position within the outer cup, the inner cup is a tight fit within the outer cup ~~whilst defining and defines~~ an ingredient chamber ~~(11)~~ of reduced depth between the mutually opposed bottom walls ~~(4,5)~~ of the cups.

5. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 2, ~~3 or 4~~, wherein at least one port (12) for permitting flow of liquid between the ingredient chamber (11) and the inner cup (3) is formed in the bottom wall (5) of the inner cup.

6. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said at least one port comprises a plurality of perforations or small holes (12) in the bottom wall (5) of the inner cup.

7. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein at least one port (13) for permitting flow of liquid between the ingredient chamber (11) and the inner cup (3) is formed in ~~the~~ a sidewall (7) of the inner cup.

8. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~the or each~~ at least one port in the sidewall (7) of the inner cup (3) comprises a slot (13) extending upwardly of the sidewall of the inner cup from its ~~a~~ bottom wall of the inner cup (5) and/or holes formed in the sidewall (7) of the inner cup.

9. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding e~~Claims 1, wherein the first interengaging means-mechanism (17,23) ~~coupling the cups (2,3) together~~ is formed on a first substantially cylindrical collars (9,10) associated with the a sidewalls (6,7) of the inner cups and the second interengaging mechanism is formed on a second substantially cylindrical collar associated with a sidewall of the outer cup.

10. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 9, wherein ~~the one of~~ the first or second interengaging ~~means-mechanisms~~ comprises one or more protuberances (23) on the collar (10) of one of the cups (3) ~~slidably engaged in and the other of the first or~~ second interengaging means comprises one or more grooves (17) formed in the collar (9) of the other cup (2), the or wherein each groove (17) being ~~is~~ inclined to the axis of the receptacle (1) so as to produce the desired screw motion when the cups (2,3) are relatively twisted.

11. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 10, wherein the protuberances (23) are formed on the outside of the collar (10) of the inner cup (3) and the cooperating grooves (17) are formed on the inside of the collar (9) of the outer cup (2).

12. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 10-~~or 11~~, wherein the upper end of ~~the or~~ each groove (17) terminates in abutment means (18) so that the cooperating protuberance (23) is a snap-fit into the upper end of the groove, ~~whereby~~ to retain the inner cup in nested relation with the outer cup and define the maximum height of the ingredient chamber ~~(11)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 10, ~~11 or 12~~, wherein the upper and lower ends of ~~the or~~ each groove (17) are formed with means (19a, 19b) for engaging the cooperating protuberances (23) so as to index the inner cup (3) in its fully open and fully nested position.

14. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, wherein the first and second interengaging means mechanisms (17, 23) is are adapted to permit the inner and outer cups (2, 3) to twist relatively to one another through approximately 45° in order to screw the inner cup from its fully open to its fully nested position.

15. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 9 ~~to 14~~, wherein the substantially cylindrical collars (9, 10) of the respective first and second interengaging means (17, 22) mechanisms are disposed at the upper ends of the sidewalls (6, 7) of the outer and inner cups.

16. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, wherein the inner cup (3) has a rim flange (24) depending from the rim (22) of the cup about the outside of the outer cup (2), ~~whereby that is configured~~ to conceal the rim (16) ~~or the rim and collar (9) of the outer cup~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, wherein the sidewall (6) of the outer cup (2) is formed externally with an array of axially extending ribs, (20) ~~which facilitate gripping of the container by a consumer~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in claim 17, wherein the outer cup (2) has a plane area below the ribs (20) for enabling printing, embossing or other form of decoration or advertisement.

19. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, wherein the outer cup (2) ~~or the outer cup and the inner cup (3) are~~ is transparent or translucent.

20. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, wherein the outer and inner cups (2,3) are injection moulded from plastics material.

21. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, including stacking shoulders (25) formed on the inside of the sidewall (7) of the inner cup (3) which are engageable with the bottom wall (4) of an outer cup (2) when a multiplicity of receptacles (1) are stacked in nested relation to prevent the receptacles jamming or wedging together when restacked.

22. (Currently Amended) A receptacle as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding~~ eClaims 1, further including an ingredient disposed in the ingredient chamber (11).

23. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a liquid product in a receptacle (1) comprising an inner cup (3) nested within an outer cup (2) and defining an ingredient chamber (11) between mutually opposed bottom walls (4,5) of the nested cups, an ingredient disposed in the ingredient chamber (11), and one or more ports (12,13) formed in the inner cup (3) to permit flow of liquid between the ingredient chamber and the inner cup, characterised by the steps of the method comprising:

adding to the inner cup (3) liquid for producing the liquid product;_i

twisting the cups (2,3) relatively to one another;_i and

constraining the cups to move relative to one another with a screw motion in response to twisting such that the cups also move axially relatively to one another and the bottom walls (4,5) of the cups exert a squeezing action on the ingredient in the ingredient chamber (11), ~~thereby~~ to assist in mixing or infusing the ingredient with the liquid contained in the receptacle.

24. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least ~~one~~ port a first of the one more ports (12) for permitting flow of liquid between the ingredient chamber (11) and the inner cup (3) is disposed in the bottom wall (5) of the inner cup and,

when desired infusion or mixing has been achieved, the cups (2,3) are screwed together so as to move the inner cup (3) to its fully nested position within the outer cup (2) and thereby effectively to shut off the port(s) (12) at least a first of the one or more ports by engagement with compressed ingredient in the ingredient chamber.

25. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 23 ~~or~~ 24, wherein at least ~~one port (13)~~ a first of the one or more ports is disposed in the sidewall (7) of the inner cup (3) and is shut off by tight engagement with the sidewall (6) of the outer cup (2) when the cups (2,3) are screwed together so as to move the inner cup (3) to its fully nested position within the outer cup (2).